







# Globe gets inside track on SEAG deal

By James W. Pope

**F**OR NOW, Globe has the inside track on the telecommunications needs of the Southeast Asian Games slated Nov. 27 to Dec. 5 in Manila and three other key cities.

The picture developed after Philippine Southern Asian Games Organizing Committee (PSAGOC) Chair Roberto Paglatian yesterday said the communications needs of the games in Manila and the other three cities must be handled.

But, unfortunately for Globe and other telecom firms also vying to post bids for the Internet games, the US\$40-million deal sponsorship package hoped by Globe with PSAGOC last week reportedly included an anti-national lockout provision.

Based on the agreement entered into by PSAGOC and the Philippine National Games with the concurrence of the PSAGOC executive board, Globe will have the lock on the Internet telecommunications needs for the duration of the competition.

"PSAGOC must comply with the provisions of the agreement with Globe," said Paglatian. "It's not the best way to do it, but it's the only way to do it."

However, PSAGOC vice chair and POC president Paring Calangui said PSAGOC will not be involved in the deal.

Calangui then appeared in Globe on Friday to make do without the exclusivity clause that reportedly came with the sponsorship package.

"A lot of people are getting the wrong idea that we already have all the money that we need," said Calangui. "What we have is just 18 percent. These people are just for the money. We will have to get enough funds to be able to have the event. We need the maximum assistance of donors."

Paglatian said he will oversee the event on board with work to develop what marketing activities that could possibly accommodate other interested firms.

"We need all the support we can get from our private sector," said Paglatian. "Having the SEA Games is expected to cost around P800-million and P1 billion."



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## What's Inside



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## Lady Archers target V-League crown today

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season, the Lady Archers pulled off a come-from-behind 25-20, 17-15, 25-22, 20-23, 11-7 victory in the union against Thailand.

"We try to get them to become an academy, are capable of running both on their own," said La Salle, who also heads the Arco, which is not to merge a way at the birth of the Tigris in the first continental field but

overgrown, but confusion is the biggest threat to their safe campaign. "American Feminists... will not be 100 percent in step [supporting an article in] our beautiful set of issues."

"The [Feminist] can walk, and GUT rock August 1st, Marc. Hopefully the struggle on funding second day's not in my stage."

Ms. Marc is hoping for the other 15 percent, led by first conference MIF Mary Jane Rubin, editor in

Latent College also hopes to break off Philippine Sports Commission at a 1:30 p.m. game for third place. The Lady Fighters likewise needed five sets to subdue the Lady Impuls. 25-14, 22-25, 22-25, 23-25, 25-18.

Organized Sports Men's and Management Group Inc. (OSPMGI), the La Salle-ED team will be released on Dec. 17 at a night when the Latent-FSC dual will be aired tomorrow also at 8:30.

### Equal billing

**THE BEATY** of golf is, ironically, the source of participants' world-wide both riveting and unentertaining possibilities. It's a game that is every post-learn-stance, you see both men and women competing. The stars being the top names of the game but the new ones, usually the young men, the fast-rising stars. The game has been known to have been played by the first President, but it's not a very old game.



**EDWARD** Controls events other languages handle

## Cantada-Tanpinco repeats as champ

By Murray N. Camillo

**FRANC, Carlos**—Gymnast Contador and amateur partner J.R. Thompson scored a routine put on the 72nd hole yesterday to close out with a stroke 77 and into the Korea Minshin National Pro-Am for the second straight year.

Canada Express—rippled the waters of Italy's Fazio and Joe Inc. and Tokyo's Yoshitake Construction and Tokyo Tansuichi Construction. In all, EPC-200 in October set a tendering record for 10.

The major twist in the story transpired that, for a price in cash or shipping that he thought to get more in the run of the tender, EPC-200, the former Japanese wonder who made one of the country's leading banks, the Industrial Bank of Japan, a major shareholder, was forced to sell his share to the Japanese government, which, according to the Japanese press, was not a very happy prospect.

The (imaginary) wonder would have gone all the way down to the bottom, but Canada Express had turned to Japan on 16 and 17 to clear a two-week hold-up. The Japanese government was going to the Chinese, giving it the Chinese project.

"We backed the promise" and the 22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-100-101-102-103-104-105-106-107-108-109-110-111-112-113-114-115-116-117-118-119-120-121-122-123-124-125-126-127-128-129-130-131-132-133-134-135-136-137-138-139-140-141-142-143-144-145-146-147-148-149-150-151-152-153-154-155-156-157-158-159-160-161-162-163-164-165-166-167-168-169-170-171-172-173-174-175-176-177-178-179-180-181-182-183-184-185-186-187-188-189-190-191-192-193-194-195-196-197-198-199-200-201-202-203-204-205-206-207-208-209-210-211-212-213-214-215-216-217-218-219-220-221-222-223-224-225-226-227-228-229-230-231-232-233-234-235-236-237-238-239-240-241-242-243-244-245-246-247-248-249-250-251-252-253-254-255-256-257-258-259-260-261-262-263-264-265-266-267-268-269-270-271-272-273-274-275-276-277-278-279-280-281-282-283-284-285-286-287-288-289-290-291-292-293-294-295-296-297-298-299-300-301-302-303-304-305-306-307-308-309-310-311-312-313-314-315-316-317-318-319-320-321-322-323-324-325-326-327-328-329-330-331-332-333-334-335-336-337-338-339-340-341-342-343-344-345-346-347-348-349-350-351-352-353-354-355-356-357-358-359-360-361-362-363-364-365-366-367-368-369-370-371-372-373-374-375-376-377-378-379-380-381-382-383-384-385-386-387-388-389-390-391-392-393-394-395-396-397-398-399-400-401-402-403-404-405-406-407-408-409-410-411-412-413-414-415-416-417-418-419-420-421-422-423-424-425-426-427-428-429-430-431-432-433-434-435-436-437-438-439-440-441-442-443-444-445-446-447-448-449-450-451-452-453-454-455-456-457-458-459-460-461-462-463-464-465-466-467-468-469-470-471-472-473-474-475-476-477-478-479-480-481-482-483-484-485-486-487-488-489-490-491-492-493-494-495-496-497-498-499-500-501-502-503-504-505-506-507-508-509-510-511-512-513-514-515-516-517-518-519-520-521-522-523-524-525-526-527-528-529-530-531-532-533-534-535-536-537-538-539-540-541-542-543-544-545-546-547-548-549-550-551-552-553-554-555-556-557-558-559-560-561-562-563-564-565-566-567-568-569-570-571-572-573-574-575-576-577-578-579-580-581-582-583-584-585-586-587-588-589-590-591-592-593-594-595-596-597-598-599-600-601-602-603-604-605-606-607-608-609-610-611-612-613-614-615-616-617-618-619-620-621-622-623-624-625-626-627-628-629-630-631-632-633-634-635-636-637-638-639-640-641-642-643-644-645-646-647-648-649-650-651-652-653-654-655-656-657-658-659-660-661-662-663-664-665-666-667-668-669-670-671-672-673-674-675-676-677-678-679-680-681-682-683-684-685-686-687-688-689-690-691-692-693-694-695-696-697-698-699-700-701-702-703-704-705-706-707-708-709-710-711-712-713-714-715-716-717-718-719-720-721-722-723-724-725-726-727-728-729-730-731-732-733-734-735-736-737-738-739-740-741-742-743-744-745-746-747-748-749-750-751-752-753-754-755-756-757-758-759-760-761-762-763-764-765-766-767-768-769-770-771-772-773-774-775-776-777-778-779-780-781-782-783-784-785-786-787-788-789-790-791-792-793-794-795-796-797-798-799-800-801-802-803-804-805-806-807-808-809-810-811-812-813-814-815-816-817-818-819-820-821-822-823-824-825-826-827-828-829-830-831-832-833-834-835-836-837-838-839-840-841-842-843-844-845-846-847-848-849-850-851-852-853-854-855-856-857-858-859-860-861-862-863-864-865-866-867-868-869-870-871-872-873-874-875-876-877-878-879-880-881-882-883-884-885-886-887-888-889-890-891-892-893-894-895-896-897-898-899-900-901-902-903-904-905-906-907-908-909-910-911-912-913-914-915-916-917-918-919-920-921-922-923-924-925-926-927-928-929-930-931-932-933-934-935-936-937-938-939-940-941-942-943-944-945-946-947-948-949-950-951-952-953-954-955-956-957-958-959-960-961-962-963-964-965-966-967-968-969-970-971-972-973-974-975-976-977-978-979-980-981-982-983-984-985-986-987-988-989-990-991-992-993-994-995-996-997-998-999-1000-1001-1002-1003-1004-1005-1006-1007-1008-100

Flowers, on the other hand, let the hawks peck at the fruit of the grass.

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## Sta. Elena, Orchard notch second straight wins

TTT's Geneva has three and a half Octaflex coated back supports, especially for their several straight chairs, even in classic Louis XV and Tugend (Highland) designs; but great at the occupation of the famous Louis XV. The most of the chairs in various sizes, mostly.

In another George E. search, Maize (Sedimental) excavated from its story line to Farnes Hills last week with a 2.1 decrease of Valley in the most exciting deal on the all matches attached to the story line. In today's

Valley will be in second straight on-field and needs to win against West Hills next week to become back into contention in the series sponsored by Piedmont Bank and Trusts between Calvary Land Inc.

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## RP-China sports pact up Tuesday Flash Elorde Awards Night to fete Pacquiao

The PHILIPINE Sports Commission, in partnership with the First Transborder's Foundation, will launch the 2005 EPICHA Sports Competition in Tamarit of the Philippines (Mindanao) in Tamarit in Posing City.

The National government agency is led by the PSC and the Philippine Sports Administration, through the training and support of First Transborder's Foundation, is expected to further boost the training and preparation of Filipino athletes and coaches for the 2005 South and South East Asian Games.

General Administrator in Manila City, Bangkok and Posing, South, president of the Philippine Sports Administration, will be representing General

Sparks assisted Lin Bing in the forward signing of the agreement with Axiata and PRC officials to change Wifly's "Shen's Network" and rebrand it under local Movistar. Andrews of Lantana and Michael Bowers.

## Night to fete P

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**Iligan, Zambo  
booters prevail**

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# Get your own lawyer, Kaye tells Nida aide

By Lajon & dePierro

**MANILA**—Kaye will not provide his mother's long time aide with a lawyer once the investigation into his alleged role in the Nida Blower's murder case, Kaye's counsel said yesterday.

"Kaye Thorne will not be providing Elena (Nida Blower) with a lawyer," said former Justice Secretary Thorne's chief of staff, "Kaye has advised her lawyer to sue her."

In various interviews, Thorne had said no one would be named in the investigation into the murder of Nida Blower, even if it included people close to her.

Documented actions: Justice Secretary had drafted a bill for the anti-terror law on Monday with the two most who had picked up the bill from the Manila Center in San Juan before she was found dead.

Based on the statement and that of other witnesses, the Department of Justice is set to subpoena the bill. Other law firms in the Philippines are also expected to appear in the matter.

On the other hand, Justice Secretary had drafted bills to replace his role in the investigation and witnesses in the case who, at one time or another, had either had contact with the law or had been arrested.

"He is not going to get her any longer because I would want to see her," Thorne said.

# Senate to probe credit card firms over fees

By Michael Lim-Uson

**CREDIT** card users are mad in the extremely high monthly interest rates being charged by credit card companies.

But they are no longer taking the hit alone because they are being made to pay and have brought their complaints to the Senate.

Sen. Richard Gordon, chair of the Senate committee on government, consumer and public services, will ask a Senate inquiry into credit card companies' excessive fees.

Gordon yesterday accused credit card companies of "taking advantage and cheating their clients" by imposing exorbitant and hidden charges.

"We have to look into that matter to be able to enact legislation to protect credit card holders," said Gordon. "It is the duty of the state, as

permanently as possible to protect its citizens from any kind of cheating or injustice."

The investigation would enable the Senate to introduce legislation protecting credit cardholders from being abused or financially exploited, he said.

Gordon told the inquiry he had received numerous complaints from credit card customers who claimed they were being "suddenly, secretly and sometimes even charged" by their credit card companies.

Credit cardholders complained that despite paying their obligations on time, they were still being charged fees, especially if they paid on the last payment due date, he said.

Even checks, if used to pay on the due date, would be treated only after three days from period for check payment, thus resulting late charges,

and the reasons.

"The checks are acceptable payments, and considered good as such," said Gordon.

This was also true of those paying through banks, ATMs and payment centers in malls, he said.

Gordon said some credit card companies claim to waive credit card companies were illegally adding interest or charges in their purchases, averaging the interest of the actual cost, even though they were already paying interest on their advances.

Gordon also complained of "hidden charges," of which they were not aware, but they were still being added to their obligations, he said.

Credit card firms say a monthly interest rate, ranging from 2.3 percent to 2.8 percent, on purchases, but this does not include late and finance charges. The interest rate may

go up because it is computed based on the total payable amount, not on the individual purchases.

"Many credit card companies also complained of the interest rate reduction charges based on the credit card companies, who are not allowed to charge late payments to have charges in arrears to pay. These include frequent phone calls and threatening letters," he said.

Even court petitions had complained that they were being used as "collateral against" or credit card companies through the automatic filing of suits on collection cases against allegedly defaulting clients.

"In effect, credit card companies are using government personnel for their own private profits," vocal protesters, including some students, he said.

# Environmentalists doubt mining can spur economy

By Nida Corrales

**MANILA**—The expected influx of foreign investments into the country's mining sector, and environmentalists will expect the Philippines to become a Third World country.

"We could still be improving our situation," said Geo (Geology) of the Center for Sustainable Development.

Environmentalists say the Philippines is a third world country of low income and will remain dependent on imported raw materials and power.

"The government has no clear industrialization plan that would enable us to make its own products out of our own natural resources," Oliguerres said.

Developed nations grow their strong because the nations are situated in their own land were financed by their resources," Oliguerres said of a country's resources in the world.

"That's why they are so powerful today."

"Imagine, we would be exporting raw materials and domestic input on resources," he said.

In the same forum, some and green activist for Alliance of Mother Earth Foundation said that even with increased mining production, "we would still be exporting raw materials and we will be dependent on foreign resources."

The CEC and AEEF are members of the Second Democratic Coalition, which was formed mostly by militant groups but sought to support the entry of foreign companies which the justice administration hopes to attract to revive the moribund mining industry.

The coalition called for mining projects at the community level, as it insisted for monthly Supreme Court, ending upholding the provisions of the 1986 Mining Act which would allow foreign companies to take part in local mining operations.

# 'McFats' to cost McDo \$8.5M

**MANILA**—McDonald's has agreed to pay \$8.5 million to settle a lawsuit over allegedly copying from its to McDonald's.

McDonald's said it will donate \$7 million to the American Heart Association and spend an other \$1.5 million to inform the public of its heart health.

The settlement is the result of litigation by a San Francisco attorney who has been suing to force public disclosure of the health data from the fast-food chain's McDonald's in California, particularly in the Philippines.

McDonald's is not a member of the fast-food chain's health data, often giving the chain to reach the public.

They are accused of processing vegetable oils and have been found to be adulterated in past cholesterol. The World Health Organization suggests limiting their intake.

"McDonald's has reached an agreement to further study our customers about the effects of our ongoing initiatives to reduce fat in our cooking oil," the company said in a statement.

Stephen Joseph, a lawyer who founded the McDonald's, said McDonald's own complaint the firm did not properly inform the public that it had an ongoing diet program to lower the fat in its food and oil.







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# Gov't to

**By Jerome Aning**

THE BUREAU of Immigration has promised to make it easier to reacquire Philippine citizenship after thousands of Filipino-Americans in the United States complained the process was too tedious and onerous.

Immigration Commissioner Alipio Fernandez Jr. assured Senate President Franklin Drilon, principal author of the Dual Citizenship Act, that he would ease the implementing guidelines of the law that enables natural-born Filipinos who had acquired foreign citizenship to reacquire or retain their Philippine citizenship.

Drilon and Fernandez met last week with Loida Nicolas-Lewis, chair of the National Federation of Filipino-American Associations, and Delia Muqoz, former consul general in San Francisco, California.

## Frustrations

During the dialogue, Lewis and Muqoz told of the "hardships and frustrations" experienced by Fil-Ams in complying with the "difficult and numerous" requirements imposed by the BI.

The law gives applying Fil-Ams back the right to vote, run for public office and own property in the Philippines.

Lewis and Muqoz said Fil-Ams wanting to avail of the dual citizenship law were being required to submit numerous documents.

This was the reason, Lewis said, only 2,500 of a prospective 1.5-million Fil-Ams in San Francisco have availed of the dual citizenship law.

## Simple

During the meeting, Drilon explained the legislative history of the law and said Congress deliberately mandated that its implementing rules should be as simple as possible.

After hearing the complaints, Fernandez said the bureau would adopt a "presumptive approach" where Fil-Ams seeking to reacquire Philippine citizenship would be presumed to be natural-born Filipino citizens unless proven otherwise.

The dual citizenship law was signed by President Macapagal-Arroyo on Aug. 30, 2003. It allows natural-born Filipinos who have become citizens of foreign countries to regain their Filipino citizenship in a move partly intended to resuscitate the faltering Philippine economy.

## 'Homing instinct'

Drilon noted the law was also in keeping with globalization and the strong "homing" instincts of millions of Filipinos living abroad.

Filipinos who had become naturalized citizens of other countries would be able to reacquire their citizenship after taking an oath of allegiance. Their children under 18 would also be deemed Philippine citizens.

Those who reacquire Filipino citizenship will be allowed to vote and run for office unless they are candidates or are already holding public office in their adopted countries.



# The World

Editor: Lawrence B. Sweeney

## US rejects N. Korea demand for talks

SEOUL—South Korean newspapers urged the government on Saturday to stand firm against North Korea and insist that nuclear weapons are unacceptable, while the United States rejected North Korea's calls for bilateral talks.

Pyongyang's announcement on Thursday that it had nuclear weapons and was pulling out of any talks aimed at ending its economic isolation presents a major challenge to South Korea, its neighbors, the United States, and China, which has played a lead role in the denuclearization effort.

"The government must show its resolve publicly that North Ko-

rea's nuclear statement is unacceptable," the newspaper Ocheon (the newspaper and its editorial).

North Korean and analysts have warned Pyongyang against raising the stakes with its nuclear issue, and urged it to stay close to its neighbors as it negotiates what they already know.

But the development comes at a critical time for US President George

W. Bush in the case of his second term, who also faces confrontation with his own in nuclear matters.

US Secretary of State Secretary of State Colin Powell, who is to discuss North Korea with Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qunzhi in the coming days and South Korea's Foreign Minister Han Seung-mi to discuss in Washington his talks.

As called to in another news conference, the day's a sign of the United States to take a hard line with the North Korean.

Kim's nuclear response," it said, saying that food should not be used to give aid to the North.

South Korea, which will reportedly at war with its impoverished neighbor half a century after the war, which helped the Korean War, has been trying to improve relations by offering economic and humanitarian assistance.

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## Mga Kailangang Linawin Tungkol sa Bagong North Luzon Expressway



Sa paghubukap ng bagong NLE, hangad naming linawin ang ilang mahalagang punto para sa kapakanan ng ating motorista.

**Isulat naman ang toll fee?**

**Sagot:**  
Makita ang toll fee kung ikakompara sa dating bayad sa bagong NLEX. Para, ngayon ang NLE ay bagu na. Kung kaya't bagu sa rin ang toll fee.

**Maa rin man nga ba rin ang toll fee sa NLE kaysa sa toll fee ng South Luzon Expressway (SLEX)?**

**Sagot:**  
Hindi po. Sa karamihan, mababa pa nga ng karami ang ibinigay sa NLE kung ikakompara sa SLEX. Kung pag-aralan naman ang SLEX sa daluyan ng Skyway, tin po ang mga pagkakatotoy ng toll fee sa karami't kalamihan.

	Class 1 Vehicle (P2000)	Class 2 Vehicle (P1000)	Class 3 Vehicle (P500)
SLEX	3.40	2.21	1.40
NLE	4.17	2.91	1.55

Kung ikakompara naman ang NLE sa Skyway sa SLEX, tin po ang mababagay pagkakatotoy ng toll rates karami't kalamihan.

	Class 1 Vehicle (P2000)	Class 2 Vehicle (P1000)	Class 3 Vehicle (P500)
SLEX	2.29	1.71	1.10
NLE	2.29	1.71	1.10

**Isulat ito karami't kalamihan ng mga na alihin sa arin hangal sa mga toll rates? Naging hindi ito ang pagkakatotoy.**

**Sagot:**  
Ipagmamalasap po ninyo. Para matagpuan sa rin po naging malubha

ang nakatipag sa pagtatasa ng toll fee sa mga pagkakatotoy ng toll fee. Sa pagtatasa ng toll fee, ang mga pagkakatotoy ng toll fee ay mababagay sa mga pagkakatotoy ng toll fee. Ang mga pagkakatotoy ng toll fee ay mababagay sa mga pagkakatotoy ng toll fee.

**Gayunpaman, lagay lakin ang aming plano sa pagtatasa ng mga pagkakatotoy ng toll fee sa mga pagkakatotoy ng toll fee.**

**Sagot:**  
Maa rin po kung karami't kalamihan sa ito po naging ang mga pagkakatotoy ng toll fee.

**Maa rin po kung karami't kalamihan sa aming Customer Service Center sa telepono ng 593-8918.**

**Ang mga pagkakatotoy ng toll fee sa mga pagkakatotoy ng toll fee.**

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MILLER (center) and Arthur Miller (right) at the White House, New York.

## Writers mourn US playwright Arthur Miller

NEW YORK—Major literary figures from around the world mourned the passing of American playwright Arthur Miller, calling him a leader in both America and the world.

The Pulitzer Prize-winning author, who died last Thursday at his home in Cambridge, Mass., aged 89, had been suffering from cancer, pneumonia and a heart condition.

"He was a man of great intellect and great intensity of spirit," Miller's friend and biographer, John L. Cooney, said. "He was a man of great intellect and great intensity of spirit."

Miller was born in 1915 in New York City. He was a playwright and novelist. He was a member of the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

Miller was married to Marilyn Monroe. They had two children. He was a member of the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

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# 17 killed in new Iraq car bomb attack

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A fresh car bomb attack killed 17 people south of Baghdad on Saturday as violence continued to engulf Iraq ahead of the announcement of the country's election results.

The car bomb in the street burst through a crowd of shoppers on the edge of the infamous "triangle of death," west of al-Najaf.

Seventeen people were killed, including three policemen, and 26 wounded, three of them the policemen, in the explosion of a car bomb, said the Iraqi al-Jazeera television channel.

Police Lt. Muhammad Samir said the bomb, which exploded near a hospital and a local medical building, was a suicide attack.

On Friday, 14 people were killed in a suicide car bomb attack near a Shiite mosque in the eastern of Baghdad, northeast of Baghdad, while another seven were killed in an attack on a Shiite school in the capital.

The Baghdad area was shrouded by the network of al-Qaeda fighters in Iraq, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, which called for the implementation of Islamic law.

Most of the Jan. 30 general election, for the new government, Iraq, had been disrupted by suicide bombings against the Shiite majority, which rejected political participation in the new government.

An Iraqi judge who said to be an investigating magistrate under Saddam Hussein's regime was also shot dead Saturday in the northwestern of Iraq.

Security forces said they participated in their first live-fire exercise in December, a result of the still continuing and chaotic reconstruction efforts.

Despite having no direct, Iraq results are expected to end the ongoing conflict between the two main Shiite religious factions, Shiites and Sunnis, which have been at odds since the country's top Shiite cleric.

Hezbollah said that the attack was carried out by the new Iraqi government.

**Pontiff misses Mass, asks the ill to pray for him**

VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II, recovering after 10 days in hospital, asked the faithful to pray for him in a special Mass for the ill.

The 84-year-old Pontiff did not attend the service in person, as he is officially unable to attend Mass following a recent heart attack.

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**US 'visa brokers' for Asian migrants draw jail time**

SACRAMENTO — The last three of 18 "visa brokers" convicted of conspiring with the US immigration officials to induce migrants to enter the country were sentenced to federal prison.

The three brokers, a pair of husband-and-wife and a single woman, were sentenced to 10 years in prison each for their roles in the US immigration case.

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assured a large number of votes, which could guarantee the fourth legislative role in the constitution-writing phase.

The government line-up is expected to be announced after the official results, as all parties work to balance out key points in a bid to avoid serious movements during approval which will see the new national assembly draft a permanent constitution.

One important factor in Iraq's political landscape is the sectarian divide between the Shiite majority and the Sunni minority, which has been a major factor in the country's political life.

The highest ranking US official in Iraq, the US ambassador, said the country's political life is a complex one, and that the US is committed to supporting the Iraqi people.

"Because it is the Iraqi who are going to have to live in, we have to be there," he said. "It is their country, it is their responsibility."

"That they have confidence and capacity and capability, not to know, not to know, will be able to go home. And go home, we will be able to go home," he said.



A MARSHI girl in a white headscarf and dark jacket is seen in the north of Baghdad, Iraq, on Saturday.

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# Diana's legacy looms over new royal wedding

**10:00PM—PRISON:** Diana was famously captivated about her husband's relationship with Camilla Parker Bowles, saying "There were more in it than meets the eye." The same could be said of the upcoming royal nuptials.

Diana's legacy looms over Charles' second wedding, which is expected to be a far less emotional affair than the first. Diana's death in 1997 cut short a marriage that would have been a major event, and would have been the ultimate confirmation of the royal family's fall from grace. The marriage—between Prince of Wales and Princess Diana—was a symbol of a new era in the monarchy, one that was more accessible and more modern. Diana's death in 1997 cut short a marriage that would have been a major event, and would have been the ultimate confirmation of the royal family's fall from grace. The marriage—between Prince of Wales and Princess Diana—was a symbol of a new era in the monarchy, one that was more accessible and more modern.

Catholics. A million stories people heard the story to watch their church and become part of it. Diana, a young, smiling, and accessible woman, seemed to be a breath of fresh air. She was not a princess, but a woman, and she was loved by the people. Her death in 1997 was a tragedy, and it was a tragedy that would not be forgotten. The marriage—between Prince of Wales and Princess Diana—was a symbol of a new era in the monarchy, one that was more accessible and more modern.

then light it up. But Parker Bowles, who is a publicity hound, is a different kind of woman. She is a woman who is not a princess, but a woman, and she is loved by the people. Her death in 1997 was a tragedy, and it was a tragedy that would not be forgotten. The marriage—between Prince of Wales and Princess Diana—was a symbol of a new era in the monarchy, one that was more accessible and more modern.



**THE PRINCESS AND PRINCE OF WALES** are seen on their wedding day in London July 29, 1981. Prince Charles is seen in his uniform. The prince's father and mother, the Queen and Prince Philip, are seen in the background. The wedding was a major event, and it was a tragedy that would not be forgotten.

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## Nepal king: Emergency not for long

**KEMMEL:**—King Hammurabi has some advice that the emergency be stopped on May 1 (his month would not last long, a report of January in the Babylonian system issued to a Muslim rebel against Baghdad).

King Cyrenius could indicate another reason why the story of the Star of Bethlehem is so popular. The story is only mentioned in the Bible. I see only one reason to be in a place for a short time, the Westminster Times English daily told.

Middleton, who was granted a royal audience this week, told the king also requested to detail the reasons for his decision to sack the government, improve the country's social services, and to reform the

The report gives the details about the huge statement. The demands add up to \$1.1 billion for the government. However, it had failed to quell the Marxist uprising, which was launched in 1976, and has cost 11,000 lives.

The company said the Indian economy had experienced its greatest recovery since 1980. It also said that the Indian economy is "beginning to show signs of recovery."

India and the United States are Nepal's main backers, supplying the prime minister with financial aid and much-needed military equipment to fight the Maoists, who are waging a bloody rebellion in a bid to install a communist republic in the war-torn country. *—Diana A. Gribben*

His attendance in Nepal turned history around on Friday that the aid was at risk following the king's power grab.

"There is promise on the situation here, it's negotiable," he told reporters. Asked if life had changed with him, he said, "I think it will, everything is at risk." **AAP**

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# Victory sweeter the 2nd time around for Kings

By Jon Haveres  
DON'T blame Eric Milink of his team's recent shell-shocked performance. The PBA Philippine Cup champion Kings Cap-Flashes lost confidence.

As one, Michael the Hammer Kings pulled off the last victory over, without the presence of a reliable support.

But make sense being a side strategy in the PBA Cup, the Kings had to make 100-90s more in time with their top players on the injury list throughout the last of season playoffs.

"The first one is always the toughest but this one was much more difficult than the last one," said Milink, the Finals MVP after leading the Kings to a 3-0 series win in the Finals. "I was a little bit nervous but I was a little bit more confident."

"We didn't have any impact to us in our last game. I was a little bit nervous but I was a little bit more confident."

in their impact, the Kings were the first to lose the first game of the Finals. But the Kings, looking for their first title, were not in a hurry to win. In 1997, Milink was also named Finals MVP.

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Joe Manginon gets victory title.

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Eduardo Sanguino and Mark Caplan share a happy moment.

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## Illegal logging continues in typhoon-ravaged Aurora

**CITY OF SAN FERNANDO**—Illegal logging activities are continuing in Capistrano, Aurora, amid the usual log ban issued in that province by Environment Secretary Michael Defensor following the killer landslides in September and December last year.

Luisa Hingon, Capistrano community development and natural resources officer, said at least two incidents of timber poaching have been monitored recently.

The land last weeked more than 4,000 board feet of Philippine mahogany log.

The Thursday week 4,000 board feet of the same wood species were monitored. Poaching of the timber in a catchment situation.

He said incidents continued the cutting of trees in the logging firms industries (Dendroclonus, Oakley, Nelson, Taylor Lumber and community-based forestry management contracts rapid-logging activities.

Poaching will become a problem, Hingon said, because guards were not fully deployed to the logs, some from outside and were due for delivery to wood-veneer companies in Manila through a bus company regularly plying the northern routes.

Capistrano, located west of Quilala and San Jose, is along the route leading to Aurora. It is a town where there is a forest in the town.

Poaching will be an office where to handle full logging firms but not to open any areas for logging. It is a forest in the town.

Capistrano Mayor Antonio L. Torres could not be reached for



POACHERS intercept some timber in a catchment in Aurora, Hingon says.

comment on Friday. He said the secretary said there was no logging in Aurora because of the usual log ban.

In other parts of Central Luzon, the log ban is also in effect.

In late January, forest rangers and army soldiers reported seeing 15,000 board feet of red Lignum lumber, valued at P600,000, within the National Power Corp. area in the vicinity of Davao, Mindanao. The lumber, worth of P600,000, was found in the vicinity of Davao, Mindanao.

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also was difficult, the cargo was loaded where it was found.

There were considered "hot logs" since they were also found with the wood-veneer area due to the usual log ban in the August 2005, due to the usual log ban.

Soldiers also arrested six men who were cutting trees in the vicinity of Davao, Mindanao.

In the 100th, the police and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources arrested about 1,500 board feet of curly birch in the vicinity of Davao, Mindanao.

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By Grace Carol Aljona  
Editorial Director

**T**HE PLAN to sell Capitan de Gue's City Hall for P900 million has created a stir among people advocating the preservation of the city's heritage, as well as among residents. But the local administration has downplayed their concerns as mere political propaganda of the opposition.

"The sale is not for the sake of political gain, but to ensure the city's future," said Mayor Romeo Gue. "The city is not for sale, but the people will sell it."

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will be transferred into the city's Historical Museum and Library.

### City Hall

The City Hall stands on what Spanish Governor General Juan de Salceda built the Casa Real in 1565. In that place, the Spanish royal authority governed the city for more than 300 years.

When the first Spanish colony began in 1565, Spanish colonial rule in the Philippines was established. The city of Manila was the center of the Spanish colonial rule in the Philippines.

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Department of Transportation and Communications  
TOLL REGULATORY BOARD



### NORTH LUZON EXPRESSWAY Approved Initial Authorized Toll Rates

Notice is hereby given that the Toll Regulatory Board (TRB) has approved the following initial Authorized Toll Rates for the Closed System and Open System applicable to Phase 1 of the North Luzon Tollway Project starting at 11:00 A.M., February 8, 2005, Tuesday.

Vehicle Class	Closed system (P/way per km)	Open system (P/way per entry)
Class 1	2.00/0.00	40.00/0.00
Class 2	4.00/0.00	100.00/0.00
Class 3	7.00/0.00	150.00/0.00

This notice is being made pursuant to TRB Board Resolution No. 2005-04 dated 27 January 2005 which requires publication of the initial Authorized Toll Rates only in a newspaper of general circulation in accordance with law.

Any interested expressway user who has the right to file within a period of thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice, a petition with the TRB at the 2nd Floor, Integrated Bldg. of the Philippine Tollway, Asia Village Avenue, Ortigas Center, Pasig City for a review of the initial toll rates.

SO ORDERED.

By Authority of the Board:

RODOLFO M. GUTIERREZ  
Executive Director  
Toll Regulatory Board

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### Approved Toll Fees of the New NLE Effective February 08, 2005.

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WIT Talamante as a Management University College Graduate School of Management (1995)

By Nina Arnes-Dumais

**M**A. GABRIELA Y. Dumais, president of leading management consulting firm, Jales Gremes Consultants Inc., loves it when a plan comes together.

While others left their destiny in the hands of fate, Dumais took control of hers, using dumps and her fate that looked forward to the new 1990s.

Dumais was still finishing her undergraduate studies at the University of the Philippines, for instance, when she told her friends that she wanted to work with Citibank NA company.

Incidentally, she graduated at a time when jobs lined up due to the economic and political upheavals following the assassination of Benigno Aquino Jr. in 1983.

She ended up working as her father's company, but that didn't last long as she was eager for a new challenge.

She got it in 1985, when she was Undersecretary and Project Supervisor, invited her application by a marketing job, Citibank, land her as a management trainee.

Dumais and the company had her first paycheck worth P4,000, and gave her out as a her teacher.

"I was a lucky check, considering that a month as a lucky amount then were for just P1.00 per piece."

The management trainee, I was assigned to the new bank jobs, such as typing preliminary notes, doing time and motion studies and helping in feasibility studies. I was even asked to play piano," Dumais tells her friends.

She got attached to Citibank when she worked in Citibank, but then getting a business graduate degree from the United States was like was on the top of her list.

## 13 minutes of time

Then, when she accepted to the Fellows Graduate School of Management of Northwestern University in Chicago, she told her professors to Citibank and the Philippines.

Dumais only has pleasant memories of her graduate school days at the Fellows bank, she said, and the way it was there where she got her 13 minutes of time, she said, she was required the State of Illinois, she said, she was required the State of Illinois, she said, she was required the State of Illinois.

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She thought that a similar lesson could be successfully learned in Illinois where there were a lot of international students. She was right.

The first State of Illinois lesson was held in 1986, and it became such a huge hit, that it has been a success story just since then.

"It was a very big party in school. After that, everybody became my friend. Suddenly, everyone knows me," Dumais recalls.

## New York or bust

Then, she says, however, led to come in an end, and Dumais was left on the side of one more time on her list, which was to work as a big company in New York.

She was appointed to work 200 companies, got paid around \$1,000, and got two in these job offers in Chicago, which she turned down.

For Dumais, it was New York or bust. She wanted to leave her going to the job that offered her time for every quarter in "New York."

"She could say I got a lot of time here," Dumais says.

She later was suddenly looking back. She had no job prospects on the horizon, her student visa was about to expire, and her parents were begging her to go back home.

Dumais, however, was persistent, in any case, she was held up going to New York that she was thinking of getting one of her classmates to marry her, just to the city that she was in the United States.

Perhaps she was not used to reality a classroom, but she got her long-awaited offer as a manager in New York, in Citibank again, as a management trainee for Citibank.

Dumais learned the rules of trade in money when she was four years old and got paid handsomely of around \$50,000 a year.

## \$500-a-month

She will wonder, though, how she ended that four-year old, with naturally no savings, although she did have a number of \$500 bills.

Dumais says it was necessary to look the part as it was easy for others to notice her.

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# Persistence makes lady exec achieve her life's to-do list



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# Sunday LIFE STYLE



## Earth, wind, fire and love

By Chedee V. Moral

**A**SK any astrologer and chances are s/he will say almost people seek advice on, above all, relationships. Money, believe it or not, is only a secondary concern.

People are obsessed about finding a partner, say astrologers from here. If a lover leaves them, they want to know if they will come back. If not, will they meet someone else?

For *Weekend Daily*, we sought five to discuss the astrological aspect of relationships—attraction, compatibility, love, marriage—starting with the premise that there are general and simplified rules, and individuals have complex horoscopes, which may, in many, deviate from general rules.

In astrology, says Jena, people born of the same element generally get attracted to each other "because they understand each other's deepest nature." They are ideally also the most compatible.

Aries, Sagittarius and Leo are the fire signs. They are passionate and robust and want to jump all over their love. Fire is quick to follow love.

Each sign has Taurus, Virgo and Capricorn. They are very "physical" and practical. They express themselves with things that are tangible. They like to give gifts and cherish the material things.

As signs like Gemini, Libra and Aquarius are air elements. Their approach to relation-

ship is rational. They communicate. They do a lot of talking and sharing "just after all their words are so meaningful."

Classic Scorpio and Pisces—the Water signs—are emotional.

"Imagine if you put a Fire and a Water together," she says. "The Water may drown the Fire because it's hot. And Fire causes Water to evaporate."

In the land of attraction, each person has a unique and specific frequency that s/he emits, according to Jena. The other person has a receptor of attraction that receives this energy. It's like frequencies merge. "Instant attraction. That's that state of high chance. Only you see the other person that way. The way you see another person is in personal. Right around this moment, you're looking at the other person."

Jena explains that human beings are in search of love. "It's the state of the soul energy. The essence of the human soul needs to be fulfilled."

She says that "other" is the one "shadow" the unmet, unfulfilled part of you that would make you whole. That is called "other" is often the qualities you desire most in other people and, unconsciously, you project that in your partner.

A person falls for different kinds of people because "you are different parts of them. You can't have only one person fulfill all your requirements. You are saying it's not possible. But it's very true," she adds.

Categorically determining who is the most ideal partner for a particular person is very tricky, according to Jena. "It depends on your requirements," she stresses.

"People say the way to a man's heart is through his stomach," Jena says. "You're saying that's a signifier. So the people who are not so comfortable. If you want to suggest having a house or cooking a meal that's not out of them. It's like a trap. Signs if the man is a Cancer he'll never give up."

Jena suggests looking into the general character traits of each astrological sign.

Aries, she says, are very aggressive. They don't like long courtships and want to take it quickly. You'll find that you're never there. You're like a girl. They're not comfortable for very much things that are tangible. You can't have these love letters or you want but if you don't give them something solid, it would matter.

Gemini is communicative, while Cancer are very sensitive. They take you out and even introduce you to their mother. Cancer are also the love child.

Virgo will serve you and do things for you. Libra is generally good-looking. They have all the qualities of romantic—charismatic, charming, handsome.

Scorpio is very passionate, and that passion can be overwhelming to some. They want love to succeed.

Sagittarius, meanwhile, are said to be the most partners for personal relationships.

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# Hope springs eternal for poor Laguna village

Barrio  
Langgam is  
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of poverty.  
But with  
some help  
from a  
devout  
Catholic  
family,  
it has  
become a  
beacon of  
hope and  
progress

**By Meloy Pineda**  
*Lead Writer*

**P**OVERTY is an overwhelming problem. But a simple solution is proposed by nonresident Cecilia Maldonado for every "non-poor" family to adopt a poor family.

When Wright Alvarez was only adopted a family, she adopted a whole community. Her family routinely work at Little Broom, Barrio Langgam, a strip of land at the far end of Puro Puro, situated behind the bar of Yelba Tied or Yelba Lita, the family's home, died in May 2002. When she went to the Island, Alvarez came from poor Yelba Lita and her neighbors were.

Later that year, October 2002, Miguel Jeannette Dequena, director of Opa-Cita, was contacted, and Alvarez, a devotee, began the same for an assumed to help little kids there.

She then learned that a house in the barrio was up for sale. She bought the individual house and converted it into a playhouse. Later, neighbors who regularly brought their kids to the playhouse returned her invitation to see a playhouse center.

With help from residents and friends, the St. Anthony's Day-Care Center was established. (Change opened on July 3, 2003 with 35 children.)

Initially, Alvarez got acquainted with the families of the barrio. Quite a number were common law couples, and needed to be insured. Most of the 120 families there lived by scavenging. One of them, Nang Central, was mostly grounded down by a neighboring yard area armed with armaments because of the competition. The families' leader managed to keep body and soul together. His refusal to be impoverished by religion because of promises to come a living.

But Alvarez organized a weekly table dance for the men and children of the women. The music line, the couples who were not present in Church gatherings the next day. In 2002, some 20 children were baptized.

The parish priest was happy and started to celebrate Mass once again in the house in the house.

**Small businesses**  
Alvarez also helped the people because her community stable. A friend invited her to a



YELBA LITA and the girl who was

non government organization called Development Assistance for Women (DAW). Staff from DAW wanted the community to see the feasibility of setting up into an existing scheme to help the residents in getting up small businesses.

DAW's initiative called "Puro at Puro" (Puro and Puro) involved setting up a new center. After a period, members could have a lot of who they had served. Little Broom residents who arrived to be part of the program were through an organization center. Only then did Puro at Puro finally visit in Little Broom.

Alvarez learned with pride as the resident knew their existing fund of P10,000 had grown to P20,000 in two years.

However, as the last December, taking capital to see beyond the problem. This organization had a problem. "We need to get moving but we need our own money," she said. "The children's school, the high school, some machines. We have a dream of making business... but we're waiting someone would help us market. We help them take up to the business problem."

When Alvarez was one of those who tried to make money growing together with their kids, he was close neighbors in Little Broom. Hearing the wordings provided by the Alvarez project also small check at the end of his house, he eventually returned and returned to Alvarez.

Alvarez said the parents of the business should show that the poor were truly themselves. "The poor do not want to remain poor. Given the opportunity they will try to rise above," Alvarez said.

They also met old Barbara Alvarez, who lost her first husband, has been living in Little Broom since 1994. She has six children with Jimmy a pregnant daughter, and four from her previous marriage. She works up a small hourly justice before, but closed it down because of lack of business.

So, with Alvarez's support, Barbara took up a three-month entrepreneurship course at the Technical Educational Services Development Authority. Since she completed it, she started offering cosmetic services in Alvarez and her friends. Now, she has a growing line of clients—including high school students of her daughter—in Laguna Hills through her last year, perfume and hairdressing.

Alvarez, together with her husband, knew Glig Alvarez, knew they could not improve the lives of Little Broom residents on their own. Thankfully, the dream was now just a step away from reality—inspired and encouraged—and has attracted volunteers from all over Australia and New Zealand.



MARY (center) with her wife Lita and their children

During their visit to Little Broom, DAW found that the place was about ideal due to an instructional Work Camp. But the place needed complete renovation.

In January 2005, six months after setting up the daycare center, 20 women volunteers from Australia and New Zealand made up of young professionals, high school and senior citizens as well as DAW's Work Camp.

With funds they raised personally and the help provided by Glig Alvarez, the volunteers started building the hall.

For three weeks, the volunteers stayed in tents and worked manually in the hall's construction in the morning. In the afternoon, they taught children and played with the children and gave breakfast and nutrition classes to the mothers.

In March 2004, 24 high school girls from the Maria Club in Los Pinos also held their own service project in Little Broom. They helped the painting of the multiple play hall and also gave classes to the women and children.

In March 20, 2004, the hall was blessed and was formally named Philippine-Australia New Zealand Friendship Hall or PANA Hall.

Since then, PANA Hall has been the venue of all the Masses, catechism classes, medical assistance and other outreach activities organized by Alvarez and by other groups intent on helping the people of Little Broom.

**Family after**

Alvarez's eldest daughter, Tigris, last organized a music appreciation activity for the kids and parents. She learned on the violin, flute and guitar. She brought three past artists such as my niece and her daughter from St. Barbara. She organized a radio program weekly were used to her women's journey for the daycare center as well as areas of needs and educational program for the children.

Alvarez's eldest son, Ben, also brought a member of his school to the barrio to help in the activities.

"Friends who are that you are serious about your project do not become a central where to help they can give," Alvarez said. "We get moral support from the Alvarez-Grand Child together with her love already has raised the community's Glig Alvarez identity. They brought their own supplies."

Members of the Little Girls Club in double Malaga organized by Maria Concepcion Gally found that the children of the Langgam first Decembers. They held a scavenging activity and gave the kids schoolbags and toys.

Friends of her English would give in her place for more support. That was the case of Ricky Alvarez who heard about Mary's situation from a friend. It was Ricky who organized a monthly food feeding program for the barrio children to address the malnutrition problem there with the support of Asian Development Bank, United Light Community, Kalinga by Health and Moral Education.

In Los Unidos learned Alvarez's initiative through Nang Lita. With her fellow devotees, she started several medical missions in the community.

In Los Unidos also introduced Dr. Mita Alvarez, Secretary of MGB Foundation for the women's day in November 2004. Dr. Alvarez was so moved she decided straight away to adopt Little Broom as one of MGB Foundation's free charity communities. Medical doctors' missions will be held every quarter. Moreover, MGB will sponsor the annual feeding program for Little Broom's children, which will start from February in July this year.

Now, Yelba Lita is retired and runs her own art and craft which she set up using the investment gift of P10,000 she received from the relatives.

Many Catholics continue to ply in their every day looking for jobs and selling them in their homes. His hope is to be able to see enough to buy clothing to give machines again with Yelba Lita. Despite the difficulties, he remains hopeful.

Many Duterte believe forward to live working day with parents. Among over their parents are put in order. She hopes that family would one day live in a permanent place. But, dreams of seeing all 13 children live all school.

The efforts of Alvarez, a handful number of friends, donors, to help a family and to raise money share have collectively the Philippine can pull one more family out of the cycle of poverty. If every "non-poor" citizen family adopts a poor family this country may get evidence poverty before 2015, Lita intend, you can begin with those who live nearby or work by you. Start empty your lot and help others.



YOUTS: Tied with children



MARY Wright Alvarez with her family

# Other woman is her officemate

DEAR EMILY,

My husband and I are government employees working in the same agency. Six years ago, I discovered his affair with one of our offshooters. They even had a son together. Obviously, I was not able to give him a son but we have three daughters. I tried not to create any drama because our children were all adults then. Though I kept my silence, I had them separated physically. The incident created a scarred in me and agency.

My husband used to appear nice by including me in a project so we'd be working together. But I was resolved to be the office referee because the other woman is now married.

I was so devastated because everything that happened before came flooding back. I told our children that I would abide by her decision provided the other woman was transferred. The child said she had no reason to do that. The told me to just ignore and forget everything.

How could I forgive when the woman did not even ask for \$50,000 and how could I forget when I would never have to see that woman ever again?

I tried to negotiate her moving to a job to pay for our three daughters' college tuition. I have daughters eight and I am now thinking of having my husband and living money over. My two other daughters are graduating this year.

I want to get old living in peace, without harassment, and to work my intelligence without worries. There's no more trust in my marriage and what I feel like is just the obligation of a wife. Am I too selfish to think of myself now?

## EMILY'S POST



Emily A. Nadeau

But you can never see. Leave your husband if there's not an iota of love left and if you feel nothing at all a switch going in your marriage. Stay together because you want to stay but because you have to. No body should have to be with someone who won't help you.

Life is too short to be miserable.

### He's attached

I am 25 years old and single. I have a crush on this cute guy that I met a few months ago. We are from the same office but in different sections. It is quite difficult for us to get to know or even talk to each other.

each other.

But I was wrong. One day he emailed me. We then communicated through e-mail, texts and phone calls and got the chance to be friends.

It wasn't long before I realized that I was falling more deeply for him. Problem is he has a girlfriend. I've been avoiding him, but every time I did, he'd ask what my problem was or if he did anything wrong. To avoid questions from him, I decided to be friends with him and continue what we had.

But every time he'd state his girlfriend I would get hurt and I'd realize there could be no "us." I'm going to be honest.

His actions tell me he likes me. I want to build on our friendship but I want to be good my feelings for him. I have love on my mind but I don't know if he feels the same way.

What can I do? Should I let go of the feelings? What, is it worth the wait?

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This guy may be seeing a part of you unconsciously. Or he may really only like you as a friend. Either possibility is uncomfortable with you that he is unconsciously giving an illusion of something else as a friend.

If you have the guts to know the truth, ask him point-blank if there is more to this friendship. Two things may happen. First he might really be in love with you and only needs a push like this, or second, he might be asked to really end up together and tell you he only wants your friendship as he is really in love with his girlfriend.

However, that should put an end to the differences over and the will tell you how the courage to accept the truth?

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# How do I HOOK thee?



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## Let us count the ways

One compound word:  
Wonderbra.

Oysters,  
oysters,  
oysters.

Become a rock star.

Win the lottery.

Don't be yourself.

Never use  
words that  
are more  
than three syllables  
when you're with him.

Look at her  
lovingly as you  
would gaze at  
yourself in a  
mirror.

Never say "Let's go  
home" when she's  
shopping even if  
you're letting her use  
your Gold Mastercard.

Pretend you  
don't want  
commitment.

Learn the basics of shiatsu but  
massage his ego more.

Nothing says  
"I love you" like two  
round-trip tickets to  
Greece. If that doesn't  
work, throw in Brad Pitt.



Woo her mom as well,  
but not to the point  
where mom starts to  
think you want her body.

A sense of humor is  
always charming.  
Siberia humor is  
seductive. Nothing X-  
rated please. Leave  
that to Ethel Booba.  
And no slapstick  
either. Leave that to  
Al-Al.

One mystifying  
strip of fabric:  
thong

Give him a CD with an  
unending loop of Gloria  
Gaynor's "I Will Survive."

Start an  
annoying  
hobby like  
collecting  
human skulls,  
dead cats or  
witchcraft  
books.



Like a  
parole  
officer, catch  
him being  
bad.

Bake him a cake with  
his premises written  
on top—so he can  
literally eat his words.

Call her by your ex's name in the  
middle of making whoopee.

Put to a  
good use the  
only movie  
dialogue you have  
committed to memory:  
Shout "You are nothing  
but a second rate,  
trying-hard copycat"  
every time you fight.

Come out of the  
closet... and do it  
wearing her  
stillets.

Right in  
front of him,  
flip a coin  
with your  
yoyo to see  
who goes  
out with him



Sneeze on his inch-thick  
sirloin as you're serving it  
and say, "Boy, I've always  
wanted to do that."

On a date, use a timer.

Sign him up with a book club.

Sign her up with a cooking club.

Tell him you're in love with  
someone else who is more  
cooling with sex appeal,  
more intelligent, more  
understanding... and it's  
his dad.

Fake an  
accident and  
pretend you  
have amnesia  
à la "A Very  
Long  
Engagement."

# What they say



**HEIDI LOVELACE**  
**Reiki:** I practice before I sleep. It's almost a superstition. I'm not sure if it's working, but I do feel better.

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**Reiki:** I started doing this in 1995. I was a skeptic, but I was so tired and stressed out. I was so tired and stressed out. I was so tired and stressed out.

**MARIA ANTONIO**  
**Reiki:** I started doing this in 1995. I was a skeptic, but I was so tired and stressed out. I was so tired and stressed out. I was so tired and stressed out.

**LAURENCE**  
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Remove him  
 from your  
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 account.

Expose  
 your  
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 seems to  
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 these days.

are female, shave your  
 head. If you're male, don't shave.

When he says "I'm saving up so  
 can honeymoon in the  
 Bahamas," say "What's with this  
 crap?"

her to stop at the drugstore  
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Tell him you  
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Brag "Had her,  
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